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[Floyd, C.C.]

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FOR Farm Family of the WeekTIME 12:25-1:00 p.m.BY Howard LangfittDATE Fri. July 22, 1960

## VIDEO

## AUDIO

CAMERA ON LANGFITT

SLIDE FARM-1  
FAMILY

I WANT TO SAY IN THE VERY BEGINNING THAT I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO HINDS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENT, MR. GRAHAM HALES, FOR HIS VERY WONDERFUL HELP IN SELECTING THIS FAMILY WE SALUTE TODAY AND FOR GOING WITH ME TO THEIR FARM TO HELP ME OBTAIN THE STORY I AM NOW GOING TO TELL. THIS IS THE STORY OF MR. AND MRS. C.C. FLOYD OF EDWARDS, MISSISSIPPI....AND OF THEIR TWO SON, GORDON WHO IS 14 AND WILSON WHO IS 12. I HAVE ESPECIALLY ENJOYED PUTTING THIS STORY TOGETHER BECAUSE CURTIS FLOYD AND I SERVED OVERSEAS TOGETH AND I HAVE FOLLOWED HIS FARM PROGRESS SINCE THAT TIME WITH KEEN INTEREST. CURTIS FLOYD WAS RAISED ON A FARM NEAR FLORA IN MADISON COUNTY. AT THE TIME OF WORLD WARE TWO HIS FATHER'S LAND WAS TAKEN FOR THE ORDINANCE PLANT. UPON HIS RETURN FROM SERVING HIS COUNTRY IN 1945 CURTIS WENT TO WORK AT THAT ORDINANCE PLANT FOR A WHILE. HE WAS LATER PARTS MANAGER FOR THE JACKSON CITY LINES AND THEN SERVICE MANAGER FOR MISSISSIPPI ROAD SUPPLY COMPANY. WHILE CURTIS FLOYD WAS IN THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY, STATIONED AT SCOTT FIELD, ILLINOIS, ATTENDING RADIO SCHOOL, HE MET HIS LOVELY WIFE. IN JANUARY OF 1942 SHE CAME TO JACKSON AND THEY WERE MARRIED ON JANUARY 9TH, JUST BEFORE CURTIS LEFT FOR OVERSEAS ON JANUARY 18TH.

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SLIDE FARM-2  
TWO MEN

AS I TALKED WITH MR. AND MRS. CURTIS FLOYD THE OTHER DAY IN THEIR HOME AND A S COUNTY AGENT GRAHAM HALLS VISITED WITH CURTIS, I FOUND OUT THAT AFTER RETURNING FROM SERVICE CURTIS WASN'T SURE HIS WIFE WOULD LIKE FARMING AS A WAY OF LIFE AND SO HE DIDN'T BRING UP THE SUBJECT. YOU SEE SHE HAD GROWN UP AS A CITY GIRL. WELL, TO MAKE A LONG STORY SHORT, IN MARCH OF 1949 HE CAME HOME ONE EVENING TO BE CONFRONTED BY HIS WIFE AND FATHER WITH THE PROPOSITION THAT HE TURN TO FARMING AS A WAY OF LIFE. IT WAS NATURAL THAT HIS FATHER HAD HOPED HE WOULD FARM BUT CURTIS WAS FLABBERGASTED THAT HIS WIFE WAS ANXIOUS FOR HIM TO DO IT. HE SAYS IT DIDN'T TAKE HIM FIVE MINUTES TO MAKE UP HIS MIND TO BECOME A FARMER. HE QUIT HIS JOB THE NEXT MORNING. CURTIS' FATHER, MR. C.W. FLOYD WAS LEASING THE LAND AT THE RIVER PLACE ON BIG BLACK AND WAS CONTEMPLATING SELLING IT IF HIS SON DIDN'T EVER PLAN TO FARM, SO CURTIS LEASED HALF OF THAT LAND AND EVER SINCE HE AND HIS FATHER HAVE WORKED TOGETHER AND HELPED EACH OTHER AS THE NEED HAS ARISEN. TODAY CURTIS FLOYD FARMS A TOTAL OF 1758 ACRES. HE OWNS 380 ACRES OUTRIGHT AND LEASES THE REST...NOT ALL OF IT FROM HIS FATHER. HIS LAND STRETCHES FROM BOLTON TO THE BIG BLACK ROVER WEST OF EDWARDS AND CONSISTS

SLIDE FARM-3  
HOUSE

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## AUDIO

SLIDE FARM-4  
HOUSE

OF FIVE DIFFERENT FARMS. WHEN CURTIS FLOYD FIRST STARTED FARMING HE MOVED TO A HOUSE ON THE RIVER PLACE. ABOUT THAT TIME HIS FATHER MOVED DOWN TO THE FARM FROM FLORA WHERE HE HAD BEEN LIVING. THE TWO FAMILIES SHARED THAT HOUSE UNTIL MAY OF 1952 WHEN CURTIS AND HIS FAMILY BOUGHT THIS HOME IN EDWARDS AND MOVED TO TOWN. TECHNICALLY THIS IS THE FRONT OF THE HOUSE BUT IT FACES ON THE RAILROAD SO THIS BACK OF THE HOUSE HAS IN REALITY BECOME THE FRONT FOR THE FLOYD FAMILY. THE FLOYD FAMILY HAS DONE CONSIDERABLE WORK ON THEIR HOME. THIS BACK PART WAS ADDED IN 1956. ANY WAY YOU LOOK AT THE CURTIS FLOYD HOME, IT IS A BEAUTIFUL HOME SET IN BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDINGS. IT'S A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE OF WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH AN OLD HOUSE WITH A LITTLE THOUGHTFUL PLANNING. FROM THE VERY BEGINNING CURTIS FLOYD HAS RAISED COTTON AND CORN AND CATTLE. LET US LOOK FIRST AT THE COTTON PROGRAM. CURTIS HAS 300 ACRES IN COTTON THIS YEAR. HE PLANTS STONEVILLE 7 AND D & P.L. SMOOTH LEAF. IN ADDITION HE HAS 50 ACRES IN REX VARIETY FOR EARLY MATURITY SO HE CAN GET THE LABOR OF THE 11 FAMILIES ON THE PLACE STARTED WITH HAND PICKING. THE OTHER COTTON IS ALL PICKED MECHANICALLY. LAST YEAR CURTIS FLOYD PLANTED ALL D & P.L. SMOOTHLEAF. HE IS TRYING

SLIDE FARM-5  
FIELD SCENESLIDE FARM-6  
COTTON

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## AUDIO

SLIDE FARM-7  
MEN IN COTTON

SLIDE FARM-8  
HIGHBOY

SLIDE FARM-9  
MACHINE STORAGE

THE STONEVILLE 7 THIS YEAR BECAUSE IT IS SUPPOSED TO BE ESPECIALLY WELL ADAPTED TO MACHINE PICKING. CURTIS FLOYD TRIES TO KEEP UP WITH ALL ADVANCES IN FARMING AND APPLIES NEW PRACTICES WHICH HE FEELS WILL HELP HIS FARMING PROGRAM. CURTIS FOLLOWS A COMPLETE INSECT CONTROL PROGRAM STARTING WITH THRIPS AND GOING ALL THROUGH THE SEASON. HE USES AN AIRPLANE LATE IN THE SEASON WHEN YOU CAN'T SEE THE ROWS, OTHERWISE HE USES A TRACTOR EQUIPMENT AND HIS HIGHBOYS. THIS IS A NEW ONE. HE HAS ONE HE BUILT HIMSELF. CURTIS FLOYD DOES ALL HIS OWN MAINTAINANCE AND REPAIR WORK INCLUDING MAJOR OVERHAUL. HE DOES IT IN THE FARMWORKSHOP YOU SEE IN THE BACKGROUND. HE HAS BOTH AN ELECTRIC WELDER AND AN ASCETELYNE WELDER. CURTIS TESTS ALL HIS SOIL, BOTH FOR ROW CROPS AND PASTURE AND TRIES TO FERTILIZE ACCORDING TO SOIL NEEDS. HE SAYS HE TRIES TO PUT ENOUGH FERTILIZER TO MAKE A BALE AND A HALF OF COTTON TO THE ACRE. HIS AVERAGE YIELD ON ALL HIS CROP IS A BALE AND A QUARTER. SOME OF IT MAKES TWO BALES. LAST YEAR CURTIS PRE-EMERGED HIS RIVER LAND COTTON ONLY BUT THIS YEAR HE HAS PRE-EMERGED IT ALL. HE SAYS HE WILL INCREASE HIS COTTON ACREAGE ANY TIME THEY'LL LET HIM. BY THE WAY, HE BELIEVES IN PROVIDING SHELTER FOR ALL HIS VALUABLE FARM EQUIPMENT.

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SLIDE FARM-10  
CORN

SLIDE FARM-11  
CORN

SLIDE FARM-12  
SOYBEANS

SLIDE FARM-13  
SOYBEANS & MEN

SLIDE FARM-14  
STORAGE BINS

AMONG OTHER THINGS HE HAS HIS TWO ROW COTTON PICKER AND TWO 12 FOOT SELF PROPELLED COMBINES UNDER SHELTER. CURTIS NEEDS MORE STORAGE SHELTER AND PLANS TO DOUBLE THE SIZE OF THE BUILDING. HE HAS 12 TRACTORS, ALL BUTANE OPERATED. CURTIS STILL RAISES CORN TOO....50 ACRES OF IT...ALL OF IT RECOMMENDED ADAPTED HYBRID. HIS AVERAGE YIELD IS 75 BUSHELS TO THE ACRE. AND BELIEVE ME, IT LOOKS GOOD THIS YEAR ON THAT BOTTOM LAND IN SPITE OF THE DRY WEATHER. HE TRIES TO PRODUCE ENOUGH CORN FOR HIS CATTLE AND CALVES. HE FEEDS THE BROOD COWS EAR CORN, MEAL AND SALT IN THE WINTER. CURTIS ALSO PRE-EMERGES ALL HIS CORN CROP, AND AS YOU CAN SEE, IT REALLY IS DOING A JOB OF KEEPING THE WEEDS DOWN. HE PICKS THE CORN MECHANICALLY AND THIS YEAT PLANS TO USE A CORNHEAD ON HIS COMBINES AND SHELL IT AS IT IS PICKED. IN 1952 CURTIS ADDED SOYBEANS TO HIS ROW CROP PROGRAM BECAUSE HE FELT THAT HE NEEDED ANOTHER CASH CROP. HAS HAS 200 ACRES IN SOYBEANS WHICH HE PLANTS ON THE CREEK BOTTOMS AND WHICH YEILD AND AVERAGE OF 25 BUSHELS TO THE ACRE. CURTIS FLOYD PLANTS LEE VARIETY BEANS AND THINKS THEY ARE THE BEST. HE COMBINES THE BEANS EARLY AND PUTS THEM IN THESE TWO BIG STORAGE BINS LOCATED ON THE FARM. HE PUT IN THESE STORAGE BINS AND DRYERS IN 1958. THEY



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AUDIO

SLIDE FARM-15  
CATTLE

SLIDE FARM-16  
CATTLE

SLIDE FARM-17  
CATTLE

HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO HAVE A CHOICE OF MARKET. HE FILLS THE BINS AND SELLS THE REST FROM THE FIELD. CURTIS ALSO PUTS UP SOYBEANS AND LESPEDEZA FOR HAY...ABOUT THREE TO FOUR THOUSAND BALES OF HAY EACH YEAR. HOWEVER, HE HASN'T PUT UP HAY THIS YEAR. HE USES HAY AS AN EMERGENCY FEED. BY AND LARGE CURTIS FLOYD DEPENDS ON HIS CATTLE TO DO THEIR OWN FORAGING. CURTIS STARTED HIS CATTLE PROGRAM WITH 16 GRADE COWS THAT HE BOUGHT AT THE SALE. HIS HERD GROWTH HAS BEEN BOTH FROM BUYING AND SELLING AND FROM SAVING HIS BEST HEIFERS FOR HERD REPLACEMENT. LAST WINTER HE HAD ABOUT 250 BROOD COWS BUT FIGURES HE WAS OVER STOCKED AND HAS SOLD DOWN TO 200 HEAD. HE HAS ABOUT 150 CALVES AND GETS BETTER THAN AN 85% CALF CROP. LEST YOU MIGHT BE CRITICAL OF THE PASTURE LET ME POINT OUT THAT CURTIS SAYS OF NECESSITY HIS CATTLE PROGRAM TAKES BACK SEAT TO THE CROP PROGRAM. HE TURNS TO IT AND WORKS AT IT WHEN THE ROW CROPPING IS FINISHED. HE IS RIGHT NOW BUSY GETTING PASTURES IN GOOD SHAPE AND SEEING TO THE NEEDS OF HIS LIVESTOCK HERD. HE FOLLOWS A CO COMMERCIAL COW AND CALF PROGRAM SELLING THE BETTER CALVES MILK FAT OFF THE COW AND CARRYING THE TAIL ENDERS THROUGH THE WINTER AND SELLING IN THE SPRING. HE FEEDS OUT 50 TO 100 HEAD EVERY YEAR

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SLIDE FARM-18  
PASTURE

SLIDE FARM-19  
TIMBER

DEPENDING ON THE SIZE OF THE CORN CROP. CURTIS FLOYD HAS BETWEEN TWENTY AND THIRTY REGISTERED ANIMALS AND CULLS THE HERD CLOSE. HE USES BACK RUBS IN THE PASTURES AND SPRAYS AS OFTEN AS HE CAN GET TO IT. UNTIL HE CAN GET MORE LAND HE HAS ALL THE CATTLE HE CAN HANDLE AND IS NOW CONCENTRATING ON HERD IMPROVEMENT. HIS GOAL IS TO EVENTUALLY HAVE ENOUGH HERD SO HE CAN SELL A CALF A DAY AND HAVE ONLY ENOUGH LABOR TO GROW ENOUGH FEED STUFF FOR THE CATTLE AND CARE FOR THEM. MOST EVERY YEAR CURTIS FLOYD SHOWS SOME CATTLE AT THE HINDS COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW TO HELP IN THE COMMUNITY EFFORT TO MAKE THE SHOW A BIG SUCCESS. HE HAS 700-800 ACRES IN PERMANENT PASTURE CONSISTING MOSTLY OF DALLIS, BERMUDA AND CARPET GRASS AND WHITE DUTCH CLOVER AND LESPEDEZA HE USES CHEMICAL WEED CONTROL AS WELL AS PASTURE CLIPPING AND USES 2-4-D IN HIS CORN AS WELL AS PASTURES. ALL THE CULTIVATED LAND IS PUT IN OATS AND WILD WINTERPEAS FOR WINTER GRAZING. HE SAVES 50 ACRES TO COMBINE FOR SEED AND GRAZES THE REST AND TURNS IT UNDER FOR HIS NEXT YEAR'S ROW CROPS. WHEN THE LAST COTTON IS PICKED THE TRACTORS GO IN AND CUT UP THE STALKS AND PREPARE THE LAND FOR OATS. CURTIS FLOYD ALSO HAS 80 ACRE IN PINE TIMBER. HE HAS HAD THE HARDWOOD CUT OUT



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AND PROTECTS IT FROM FIRE. HE HAS DONE A LOT OF DRAINAGE WORK ON HIS LAND AND SAYS IT IS THE SECRET OF HANDLING THE BOTTOMLAND. HE SAYS YOU MUST KEEP THE DRAINS OPEN IF YOU WANT TO MAKE IT. IN THE TIMBER CURTIS SPRAYS ALL THE TREE STUMPS WITH 2-4-5-T. AT THE RIVER PLACE WATER FOR THE LIVESTOCK IS SUPPLIED FROM SHALLOW WELLS AND AT THE OTHER PLACES FROM STOCKPONDS. I COULD TELL MUCH MORE ABOUT CURTIS FLOYD'S FINE FARMING

SLIDE FARMA-20  
FREEZER

PROGRAM BUT I WOULDN'T HAVE TIME FOR MRS. FLOYD'S FINE HOMEMAKING PROGRAM SO LET'S TURN TO IT.

SLIDE FARM-21  
CANNED FOOD

FROM THEIR HALF ACRE SEASONAL GARDEN AND THE FAMILY MEAT SUPPLY MRS. FLOYD EACH YEAR FREEZES ABOUT 2,400 POUNDS OF FOOD TO PUT IN THE FAMILY FREEZER. IN ADDITION SHE PUT UP ANOTHER 100 TO 125 QUARTS OF FOOD IN JARS....SUCH THINGS AS PICKLES, JAMS, JELLIES AND SO FORTH....THINGS THE FAMILY PREFERS CANNED OR THAT LEND THEMSELVES BETTER TO CANNING THAN TO FREEZING. SHE ALSO

SLIDE FARM-22  
KITCHEN

MAKES CHILI SAUCE AND PEAR RELISH FOR THE FAMILY. MRS. FLOYD LOVES TO COOK AND SHE SAYS THE FAMILY LOVES TO EAT. IT IS ESPECIALLY ENJOYABLE COOKING WITH HER TABLETOP STOVE AND WALL OVEN INSTALLED IN 1956. SHE SAYS SHE LIKES TO FISH TOO WHEN SHE CAN FIND TIME. SHE ALSO LIKES TO SEW WHEN TIME WILL PERMIT. SHE MAKES SOME OF HER OWN

SLIDE FARM-23  
SEWING

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SLIDE FARM-24  
FLOWERS

CAMERA ON FAMILY

CLOTHES AND MOST OF THE DRAPERIES IN HER HOME. SHE SAYS SHE USED TO MAKE CLOTHES FOR THE BOYS BUT THEY HAVE OUTGROWN THAT STAGE. SHE ALSO LIKES FLOWERS AND THIS BEAUTIFUL BED JUST OUTSIDE THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE HOUSE IS ONLY ONE EXAMPLE OF THE BEAUTY THAT SURROUNDS THIS LOVELY HOME. SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE GOOD EARTH GARDEN CLUB IN EDWARDS AND IS A PAST PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB. THE FLOYD FAMILY BELONGS TO THE EDWARDS METHODIST CHURCH WHERE CURTIS IS A STEWARD AND PAST PRESIDENT OF THE MEN'S CLUB AND WHERE MRS. FLOYD IS PRESIDENT OF THE W.S.C.S. AND A SUBSTITUTE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER WHENEVER AND WHEREVER NEEDED. CURTIS IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE CHURCH FINANCE COMMITTEE. CURTIS IS PRESIDENT OF THE EDWARDS FARM CLUB, A PAST DIRECTOR OF THE FARM BUREAU, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY A.S.C. COMMITTEE, A DIRECTOR OF THE HINDS COUNTY LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION, MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD AND BOTH BELONG TO THE P.T.A. 14 YEAR OLD CHARLES GORDON IS A 4-H CLUB MEMBER AND SCOUT AND WILSON IS A BOY SCOUT. HE JUST RECENTLY RETURNED FROM TWO WEEKS AT YMCA CAMP. THIS IS A FINE FAMILY DOING A GREAT JOB AND NOW IN THE TIME THAT REMAINS I WANT YOU TO MEET THEM.

1. WHAT ARE FUTURE PLANS? WHAT HAS BEEN TOUGHEST JOB? HOW HAS HOME CHANGED? WHAT HELPS MOST?